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### **Grant Funding Applications Available for Small Business-Serving Nonprofits**

*Applications for City Funding Due August 27, 2007*

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego’s City Planning and Community Investment Department today announced it anticipates offering grant funding to local non-profit organizations with a proven track record of providing unique and successful programs to assist small businesses. Historically, the City has earmarked approximately \$100,000 for this annual program.

The funding is provided by the City’s Small Business Enhancement Program. This program has significantly enhanced the City’s partnership with non-profit business assistance organizations. The partnership provides a broad range of direct support programs for San Diego’s 70,000-plus small businesses, which are the driving force in San Diego’s economy.

The grants are intended to help cultivate and further develop small businesses in recognition of their vital economic and cultural roles in sustaining and revitalizing commercial and residential areas. Helping small businesses grow and flourish helps foster the City’s economic base to improve the quality of life for its citizens and business community.

Eligible organizations interested in applying for funding should print out the combined application and guidelines. Otherwise, applicants may contact the City of San Diego’s City Planning and Community Investment Department – Office of Small Business by calling (619) 236-6700 to request an application and program guidelines. Program applications must be received at the City’s Office of Small Business by **5pm on August 27, 2007**. The office is located at the City of San Diego, City Planning & Community Investment Department, 1200 Third Ave., 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Diego, CA 92101. Late applications will not be accepted.

A panel comprised of members of the City’s Small Business Advisory Board will review the applications. The grants will be based on not-for-profit status, quality and number of applications received, as well as availability of funding.

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